in Delhi Fire Service are not getting their salary and other allowances and benefits regularly;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to direct the concerned authorities to pay salary etc., to firemen regularly and if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Salary for only April, 1990 payable by 7th May was paid on 8th May because of gazetted holidays on 1st, 5th & 6th May, 1990.

(c) Instructions have been reiterated to ensure timely payment.

Persons arrested and released in various agitations in Punjab

1494. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and the names of persons arrested in Punjab in connection with various agitations during the period 1985-89;

(b) the charges levelled against each of them ;

(c) the duration of the period during which each of them was kept in jail; and

(d) the dates on which these persons were released from jail together with the reasons of their release ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Annual charges for having extension, socket and plugs for Telephones

1495. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether subscribers have to pay annual charges for having extension, socket and plugs for their telephones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to abolish these charges and to charge such amounts only at one time; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Annual charges are payable for Internal and External Extensions to Telephones. In respect of Sockets and Plugs one time installation charges are payable.

(b) *Charges for Extension* :

1. Internal Extension without intercom facility . . .	Rs. 400/- per annum
2. Internal Extension with intercom facility . . .	Rs. 500/- per annum
These charges are effective from 1-12-86	
3. *External Extension* (with effect from 1-8-88)	
(i) Not exceeding one km. chargeable distance . .	Rs. 1400/- per annum
(ii) Exceeding one km. but not exceeding 5 km chargeable distance	Rs. 1400/- plus Rs. 800/- per annum for each additional km. or part thereof.
(ii) Exceeding 5 km. chargeable distance . . .	Rental as at (ii) above plus Rs. 1500/- per annum for each additional km. or part thereof.

Charges for Plug and Sockets :

One time installation of Rs. 300-/ is payable. This will cover warranty for three years. If the facility requires replacement after the expiry of warranty of three years, then it shall be chargeable afresh at the prescribed rate of one time installation, which will carry a further warranty for three years.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) It is not possible to abolish rentals in respect of extensions to Main Telephone as recurring expenditure is to be incurred on its maintenance from time to time and since extension service is concurrent and concomitant with the service of the main telephone.

Applications from Freedom Fighters' widows

1496. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether applications have been received for freedom fighters pension from widows of freedom fighters who were given Tamra Patra, but who did not apply for freedom fighters pension, as they did not think it proper to take reward for their participation in freedom fighters struggle;

(b) if so, the number thereof;

(c) whether any such applications have been received from Haryana; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to expeditiously dispose of such cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No separate record of such applications has been maintained. Such applications are processed expeditiously as and when they are received.

Safety of postal and other Central Government employees working in Jammu and Kashmir

1497. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure safety of Postal and other Central Government employees working in Jammu and Kashmir circle;

(b) whether any enquiry is being held against the conduct of SPOs Amravati; if so, what is the result thereof; and

(c) the number of periodical meetings held with the Bharatiya Postal Employees Federation at Directorate level so far; if no meeting has been held, what is the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) Government have taken steps to arrange for the stay of employees of Central Government at secure places.

(b) Yes, Sir. Suitable action will be taken after the outcome of the preliminary enquiries is known.

(c) It has recently been decided to extend the facility of periodical meetings at Central level to Bharatiya Postal Employees Federation.

Sale of Super computer to India by USA

1498. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that